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The New Azalea

"MARDI GRAS"

THE STORY OF "MARDI GRAS": About 10 years ago, we noticed a very unusual branch growing on a "Pride of Mobile" Azalea in our nursery. The blossoms, instead of being the usual watermelon color, were a beautiful light, silvery pink. Because the throat markings were the same red color as the parent, we at first called it "Pride of Mobile Variegated."

Later, we named it "Mardi Gras". We took cuttings from this branch, and every year continued to increase our stock until now we have many thousands of plants.

The growth habit of "Mardi Gras" is the same as its parent, being the "thick-leaf" strain of Pride of Mobile which is considered very hardy and more compact than the "thin-leaf" type.

We offer the following sizes:

- A. **Rooted Cutting:** \$.20 each; 10 for \$1.50.
- B. **1-yr. Plant:** \$.35 each; 10 for \$2.75.
- C. **Pint can:** \$.45 each; add .10 for each "Mardi Gras" ordered in a carton of pint cans. (Full carton of 18 "Mardi Gras": \$6.30).
- D. **Quart can:** \$.60 each; add .15 for each "Mardi Gras" ordered in a carton of quart cans. (Full carton of 9 "Mardi Gras": \$4.35.).
- F. **Gal. can:** \$1.20 each; add .30 for each "Mardi Gras" ordered in a carton of gallon cans. (Full carton of 4 "Mardi Gras": \$4.20).
- G. **2-gal. can:** \$1.75 each; 2 for \$3.30.

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AZALEAS

Azaleas fall under the generic head **Rhododendron** and are cousins of the "true" Rhododendron. There are many different kinds. Some are suitable only to the lower South, while others are hardy as far north as the New England states. They comprise many different types of growing habits, ranging from the slower growing Kurumes often called "dwarf" Azaleas, to the Hardy Japanese and Indica types which sometimes attain a height of 10 to 12 feet. The hardiness of each type, and its growing habits are discussed under individual group headings.

INDICA AZALEAS

The **Indica Azalea** blooms are very large and single and the varieties presented here offer a wide range of colors. Indica Azaleas will exist in soils which are not as well drained as demanded by Kurumes but they will do better in well-drained soils. They are at home in the acid coastal soils and there are bushes over one hundred years old in Mobile, Charleston, and other coastal areas, with a spread of more than 25 feet in diameter. They are doing well apparently without any special attention, and are a living illustration of how perfectly at home they are in the coastal areas of the South.

ELEGANS. (Very E). Light Pink. Upright and fast grower. Earliest of our well-known Indica varieties.
(Sizes A, B, D, F, G, H.)

FIELDER'S WHITE. (E-M). These early, White blossoms provide an effective contrast to other varieties in group plantings. The compact growth and large flowers make it one of the best Whites.
(Sizes B, C, D, F, G, H.)

FISHER'S PINK. (M). This light Pink variety blooms rather later than **ELEGANS**, providing a light-colored bloom to blend with the **PRIDE OF MOBILE**.
(Sizes A, B, D, F, H.)

FORMOSA. (M). This vigorous and hardy grower, with its large, Purple-Rose flowers and dark leaves, is a favorite for background and screen plantings.
(Sizes A, B, C, D, F, G, H.)

GEORGE L. TABER. (M). The flesh Pink blooms with their delicate deep pink markings make this hardy, fast-growing, mid-season bloomer outstanding among the newer varieties.
(Sizes B, C, D, F, H.)

INDICA ALBA. (M). Inclined toward upright growth, the pure White flowers in mid-season are striking against the dull colored hairy foliage. Hardy.
(Sizes A, B, C, F, G.)

LAVENDER LIGHT. (Very E). An early blooming variety, this kind has a more delicately colored lilac bloom than **ELEGANS**, but otherwise is similar.
(Sizes C, F, H.)

PRESIDENT CLAY. (E-M). Orange Red, with good upright growth.
(Sizes B, C, F, G, H.)

PRIDE OF DORKING. (L). These clustering, Deep Wine Red blossoms provide a new thrill late in the season. A slow grower, it is not one of the hardiest.
(Sizes A, B, D, F.)

PRIDE OF MOBILE. (M). This practically perfect mid-season bloomer, with its mass of deep, watermelon pink flowers, and hardy, fast compact growth, defies dequate description. Originally called **ELEGANS SUPERBA**.

(Sizes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H.)

PRINCE OF ORANGE. (M-L). A low, very bushy grower, this mid-season to late bloomer is a nice shrub even without its exotic, deep orange-red flowers.

(Sizes A, B, D, F, G, H.)

SALMON. (**LAWSAL DAPHNE SALMON, PRIDE OF SUMMERVILLE**). (M). This hardy, rather slow grower is very popular with its mid-season salmon-colored blooms.

(Sizes A, B, C, D, F, H.)

SOUTHERN CHARM. (**JUDGE SOLOMON**). (M). An excellent newer variety, with deep pink blooms. It is a sport of **FORMOSA** and has the same excellent growth habits.

(Sizes A, B, D, F, G.)

HARDY JAPANESE AZALEAS

This group of **Kaempferi**, **Macrantha**, and other hardy Azaleas can be grown over a large part of the United States, being very much at home in New England where some are deciduous.

FESTIVE. (E). Single white with flecks and stripes of rose. Dwarf.

(Size E only)

FLAME. (E). Fast, upright grower, with bright orange-red single flowers. Actually a **Kurume** variety, but placed in this group because of its growth habit.

(Sizes A, B, D, F.)

KAEMPFERI. (L). Evergreen in the South, this Azalea loses its leaves farther North. It has large, single red flowers. Hardy to Massachusetts.

(Sizes A, B, C, D, F, G.)

LILACINA. (M). Very delicate lilac color, with delightful fragrance and good growth, hairy leaves.

(Sizes A, B, D, F, G.)

MACRANTHA DOUBLE. (L). Large, clear pink double flowers. The **Macrantha** varieties are very late, extending the Azalea season in this area to May and June.

(Sizes A, B, C, D, F, G, H.)

MACRANTHA ORANGE. (L). Orange-red single flowers, with slow dwarf growth and excellent evergreen foliage. Blooms weeks after most Azaleas have finished.

(Sizes C, D, F, G, H.)

MAXWELLI. (M-L). This variety is the equal of the **Indicas** in dense growth habit and large size blooms, yet is much hardier. Carmine-red single flowers.

(Sizes B, D, F, G, H.)

WAKAEBISU. (L). Large hose-in-hose, bright salmon pink. An outstanding, prolific late Azalea. Dwarf.

(Sizes A, C, D.)

WAKAMATSU. (L). Very large flower of delicate purple, often hose-in-hose. Dwarf.

(Size F only)

BELTSVILLE AZALEAS

This group of Azaleas, developed at the United States Department of Agriculture experiment station at Beltsville, Maryland, is one which shows great promise toward broadening the selection of kinds to those in the colder areas.

EUREKA. (M). Lavender-pink hose-in-hose, spreading growth. Dwarf.
(Sizes D, F.)

GUY YERKES. (M). Salmon pink hose-in-hose, with dark pink spots in throat of flower. Dwarf.
(Size C only)

H. H. HUME (No. 244). This is a hybrid obtained from the cross INDICA ALBA x SNOW. The plant is moderately branched, erect-spreading with foliage partially persistent, depending on temperatures encountered. Flowers are white, with a faintly yellowish throat, hose-in-hose; and are considerably larger than SNOW, being 2 inches across. They are borne 2 to 5 per cluster. Hardy in New England and making an especially fine plant in the South, Southeast, and in California. It is also acceptable as a greenhouse forcing variety.
(Sizes A, B, D, F, G, H.)

IRMA. (M). Purple hose-in-hose blooms in clusters of three. Dwarf.
(Sizes D, F.)

ROSE BANNER. (No. 126). This variety was obtained from crossing KAEMPFERI x SNOW. Open growth, with spread about equal to height. Foliage very similar to SNOW. Flowers are hose-in-hose, about 1½ inches across, rose colored, with dark pink spots in the throat. It has proved to be as hardy as its parents.
(Sizes D, F.)

WHITNEY. (M). Single white with slightly greenish-yellow throat. Dwarf.
(Sizes C, E, F.)

Pint (Size C), Quart (Size D), ½-gal. (Size E),
2-gal. (Size G), Gallon (Size F).



KURUME AZALEAS

Kurume Azaleas are slow growing, sometimes called "dwarf," and are often seen in borders along walks and in planting around or in front of larger Azaleas, in rock gardens, and in beds. They are adapted to a great variety of uses. Kurumes will eventually reach a height of 4 to 6 feet, however, unless kept pruned back. They are hardy all over the South and as far north as New Jersey and Long Island. Extensively used by florists as pot plants, and in the North they bloom for them at Easter time. The individual blooms are small in comparison to the individual blooms of the Indicas, but the Kurume blooms are borne in greater profusion and in clusters. Some blooms are single, while others have two rows of petals and are described as "hose-in-hose." You will note the wide range of colors.

CHRISTMAS CHEER. (E-M). Small, bright red hose-in-hose blooms; compact growth.
(Sizes A, B, D, E, F, G.)

CORAL BELLS. (M). Dainty hose-in-hose coral pink blooms, shading deeper toward center. Small, glossy leaves, vigorous growth.
(Sizes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H.)

DOUBLE MAUVE. (M-L). Mauve is a delicate shade of violet or lilac. Beautiful hose-in-hose blooms cover entire plant.
(Sizes A, B, C, D, E, F.)

HEXE. (M). Deep crimson red hose-in-hose blooms, somewhat larger than CHRISTMAS CHEER. Compact growth. Probably a Kurume hybrid.
(Sizes A, B, C, D, F.)

HEXE DE SEFFELAERE. (M). A Belgian hybrid variety (Prof. Wolters x Hexe), it is an improved type of HEXE with perhaps more vigorous and upright growth.
(Sizes B, D, F, G.)

HINO CRIMSON. (M). Similar to HINODEGIRI, with very rapid growth.
(Sizes A, C, E.)

HINODEGIRI. (M). One of the most popular reds. Very compact grower and covers itself with showy bright red single blooms. One of the most sought after for pot plants and borders.
(Sizes A, B, C, D, F, G, H.)

HORTENSIA. (M). Large hose-in-hose soft pink blooms, produced in large trusses.
(Sizes D, F.)

PEACH BLOW. Fast grower, with medium size single flowers of delicate peach pink shade.
(Sizes A, B, D, F, G, H.)

PINK PEARL. (M). Salmon-rose shading lighter toward center. Large hose-in-hose blooms, produced in clusters. Rapid growth.
(Sizes A, B, D, E, F, H.)

SALMON BEAUTY (M). Large hose-in-hose salmon pink blooms, with large, glossy light green leaves. Compact growth.
(Sizes A, B, F, G, H.)

SALMON QUEEN. Fast grower, with medium size single flowers of delicate peach pink shade.
(Sizes A, B, D, E.)

SNOW. (M). Pure white hose-in-hose blooms in clusters. Good size glossy leaves, low compact growth.
(Sizes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H.)

PERICAT AZALEAS

Very similar to the Kurume Azaleas, the Pericats are rapidly growing in popularity. The partially open buds present a very distinct and different appearance, like that of a miniature rose. All varieties are compact, vigorous, and hardy. They are used in every way that the Kurumes are used, and in addition to the spread of climate which the Kurumes will take, the Pericats seem to be doing nicely as far south as southern Florida.

GARDENIA SUPERME. (M). White, hose-in-hose, formed like a small gardenia. Dark green foliage, vigorous growth.

(Sizes A, B, D, E, F, G, H.)

MME. PERICAT. (L). Large flesh pink, hose-in-hose, rapid growth.

(Sizes F, G.)

SWEETHEART SUPREME. Blush pink, the shade of a sweetheart rose, hose-in-hose blooms and large, rounded, dark green leaves; compact growth.

(Sizes A, D, E, F.)

AZALEA PRICES

The following sizes are available:

A. **Rooted Cutting.** Shipped only during months of July through October. Varieties may NOT be combined to compute lowest prices.

1- 4 of a variety	\$.15	each
5-49 of a variety10	each
50 or more of a variety07½	each

B. **1-yr. Plant.** Shipped only during months of November through June. Varieties may NOT be combined to compute lowest price.

1- 4 of a variety	\$.25	each
5-49 of a variety20	each
50 or more of a variety15	each

C. **Pint can.** (Height 6", dwarf types 4")

Price each	\$.35
Carton of 18 (express only)	4.50
(you may mix varieties)	

D. **Quart can.** (Height 8", dwarf types 5")

Price each	\$.45
Carton of 9 (express only)	3.00
(you may mix varieties)	

The following sizes shipped express
or motor freight only:

E. **½-gal. can.** (Height 10", dwarf types 6")

Price each	\$.70
Carton of 5	3.00
(you may mix varieties)	

F. **Gal. can.** (Height 12", dwarf types 8")

Price each	\$.90
Carton of 4	3.00
(you may mix varieties)	

G. **2-gal. can.** (Height 15", dwarf types 10")

Price each	\$1.35
Carton of 2	2.50
(you may mix varieties)	

H. **4-gal. can.** (Height 18", dwarf types 15")

Price each	\$2.50
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